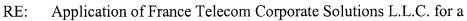
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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold Local Exchange Services and Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of South Carolina, for Flexible Rate Structure

for Local Exchange Service Offerings First Approved in

Docket No. 97-467-C, and for Alternative Regulation First Approved in

Docket No. 95-661-C

Docket No. 2004-333-C, Our File No. 923-10261

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed is the original and twenty-five (25) copies of the **Testimony of Jean-Sebastien Falisse** filed on behalf of France Telecom Corporate Solutions L.L.C. in the above-referenced docket.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John J. Pringle, Jr.

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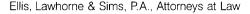
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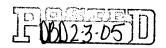
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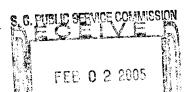
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BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2004-333-C



In the Matter of the Application of France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Service and Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of South Carolina, for Flexible Rate Structure for Local Exchange Service Offerings First Approved in Docket No. 97-467-C, and for Alternative Regulation First Approved in Docket No. 95-661-C

TESTIMONY OF JEAN-SEBASTIEN FALISEE

- 1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
- 2 A. My name is Jean-Sebastien Falisse. I am Treasurer of France Telecom Corporate
- 3 Solutions L.L.C. ("FTCS" or "Applicant"). My business address is 2300 Corporate Park
- Drive, Mailstop SP0606, Herndon, VA 20171.

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6 Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE.

I am responsible for FTCS' day-to-day operations. Specifically, my responsibilities

include managing all finance, information technology and tax related support for FTCS. I

am also responsible for supervising the technical part of the business related to

operationally providing telecommunications services. I have over fifteen years of

experience in the accounting and finance field, with five of those years specializing in the

telecommunications industry. Prior to becoming Treasurer of FTCS, I was employed as

an executive or principal in one of the world's largest telecommunications carriers,

France Télécom, S.A. ("France Telecom"). A copy of my resume is attached to the

France Télécom, S.A. ("France Telecom"). A copy of my resume is attached to the

Application in this Docket at Exhibit D.

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Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

- 2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the request of FTCS in its Application for a
- 3 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold local exchange
- 4 services and resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of
- 5 South Carolina.

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- 7 Q: ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICATION FTCS SUBMITTED TO
- 8 THIS COMMISSION?
- 9 A. Yes.

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- Q. IS EVERYTHING IN THE APPLICATION TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE
- 12 **BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?**
- 13 A. Yes.

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- 15 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE FTCS AND ITS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.
- A. FTCS was organized under the laws of the State of Delaware on Nov. 28, 2001, and has a
- certificate of authority to transact business in South Carolina. A copy of its certificate of
- authority is attached to the Application in this Docket at Exhibit B. France Telecom S.A.,
- one of the largest telecommunications companies in the world, wholly owns FTCS. Its
- principal place of business is in Herndon, VA. FTCS was formed for the purpose of
- providing a full-range of resold local exchange and interexchange telecommunications
- and data communications services to business and commercial customers. In addition to
- 23 the authorization sought in the current proceeding, FTCS filed, or is in the process of

filing, applications for authority to provide the above-described telecommunications and data communications services throughout the United States; no application has been denied and no authority has been revoked.

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Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT BY FTCS IN THIS

PROCEEDING.

FTCS seeks authority to provide resold local exchange and resold interexchange services within South Carolina. Applicant is a reseller and does not intend to own or control any telecommunications facilities in order to provide its services. FTCS intends to purchase services from its underlying carrier(s), and will not seek to purchase unbundled network elements ("UNEs") from the incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs"). Finally, FTCS seeks Commission approval for alternative regulation as was first approved by the Commission in Docket No. 95-661-C, and flexible regulation for local exchange services first approved in Docket No. 97-467-C.

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Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW FTCS PROPOSES TO PROVIDE LOCAL

EXCHANGE AND LONG DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

TO CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

FTCS intends to provide such services by reselling the services of other certificated local exchange carriers ("LECs") and interexchange carriers ("IXCs") operating in the State of South Carolina. FTCS will only engage the services of those carriers that have been properly certified by this Commission.

1 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TECHNICAL RESOURCES OF FTCS.

FTCS currently serves local exchange telephone customers in over twenty states. Through 2 A. the financial and managerial support of its parent company, FTCS is well positioned to 3 deliver telephone services in South Carolina. Applicant has sufficient technical and 4 managerial ability to provide the services for which authority is requested in this 5 Application. A description of Applicant's technical and management team is attached to 6 the Application at Exhibit "D". FTCS utilizes core telephony staff as well as other 7 corporate resources for the deployment and management of its telephone operations. This 8 staff is competent in all areas of telephone management including finance, operations, 9 regulation, engineering, network, and sales. The telephone core staff collectively has 10 over 100 years of industry experience in developing, managing, and operating all types of 11 telephone entities and services. 12

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- Q. PLEASE IDENTIFY THE AREAS WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH

 CAROLINA FOR WHICH FTCS IS REQUESTING AUTHORITY IN THIS

 APPLICATION.
- 17 A. FTCS seeks authority to provide the services requested in its Application throughout the
 18 entire State of South Carolina to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law or
 19 Commission order.

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Q. PLEASE STATE WHETHER FTCS UTILIZES SCRIPTS OR ENGAGES IN THE
PRACTICE OF TELEMARKETING TO SELL ITS SERVICES.

A. No. FTCS does not utilize telemarketers in order to market its services. FTCS uses the internal marketing team of its affiliated companies in order to market its services. FTCS obtains written letters of agency from all of its customers. FTCS shall comply with all state and federal telecommunications statutes, rules or regulations governing the processing, verification and implementation of customer-ordered changes.

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Q. WILL FTCS FILE TARIFFS FOR APPROVAL WITH THE COMMISSION THAT INCLUDE THE REGULATED INTRASTATE SERVICES TO BE OFFERED IN SOUTH CAROLINA?

10 A. Yes, FTCS will file its tariffs with the Commission for approval. Copies of FTCS'

11 proposed tariffs for local exchange and interexchange services are attached as Exhibit C

12 to the Application in this Docket.

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O. HOW WILL FTCS PERFORM BILLING FOR THE SERVICES OFFERED?

15 A. FTCS intends to bill its customers directly for local exchange and interexchange services.

16 In conformance with Commission Rule 103-622.1, invoices will contain the following

17 information: description of services, charges, FTCS' name, and its toll free telephone

18 number for customer assistance.

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Q. HOW WILL SOUTH CAROLINA CUSTOMERS CONTACT FTCS' CUSTOMER SERVICE DIVISION?

22 A. Consumers may contact FTCS' customer service representatives regarding a broad range 23 of service matters, including: (i) the types of services offered by FTCS and the rates

1		associated with such services; and (ii) problems or concerns pertaining to the consumer's
2		current service. FTCS' customer service representatives will be available to assist
3		consumers Monday through Friday during business hours at its toll free telephone number
4		for customer assistance (866) 280-3726.
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6	Q.	IS FTCS PREPARED TO COMPLY WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW AND
7		WITH ALL APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
8		COMMISSION?
9	A.	Yes, it is.
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i 1	Q:	WILL THE COMPANY FILE ALL APPLICABLE REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY
12		THE COMMISSION?
13	A:	Yes. The Company is aware of the Commission's requirements that all
14		telecommunications carriers file a report on South Carolina operations, a gross receipts
15		report, and a universal service contribution report on an annual basis.
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17	Q.	DOES FTCS HAVE THE TECHNICAL ABILITY TO OFFER THE SERVICES
18		PROPOSED IN ITS APPLICATION?
19	A.	Yes.
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21	Q.	DOES FTCS HAVE THE MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE TO OFFER THE
22		PROPOSED SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA?
23	A.	Yes.

Q. IS FTCS FINANCIALLY FIT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES PROPOSED IN

THIS APPLICATION?

Yes. FTCS possesses sufficient financial capability to provide its resold local exchange A. 3 and resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications and data communications 4 services on a continuous basis. Inasmuch as FTCS is a newly created 5 telecommunications carrier, FTCS submitted to the Commission the financial information 6 of its ultimate corporate parent, France Telecom, in order to demonstrate FTCS' ability to 7 provide the services proposed in the Application. France Telecom is a public company 8 traded on both the Paris and New York Stock Exchanges. It is one of the largest 9 telecommunications companies in the world. France Telecom is currently funding FTCS' 10 operations throughout the United States. FTCS currently has two lines of credit totaling 11 \$4 million from France Telecom. Further, as of January 2005, FTCS has over \$8 million 12 in cash in its own bank account. At the time of hearing, if necessary, I will provide 13 further testimony to support FTCS' financial ability to provide the services set forth in its 14 Application. 15

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Q. IN YOUR OPINION, IS THE GRANTING OF FTCS' APPLICATION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?

Yes. FTCS will improve the overall quality and variety of services available in South Carolina by providing business customers competitive rates and capable, responsive customer service. By offering customers greater variety and choice among local exchange and interexchange carriers, FTCS' presence in the South Carolina market will increase competition in the telecommunications and data communications services

1	market, and motivate other companies to provide innovative services, improve the quality
2	of their networks, and lower prices.
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4 Q. WHERE WILL THE RECORDS PERTAINING TO YOUR SOUTH CAROLINA

OPERATIONS BE KEPT?

A. Such records will be physically kept by FTCS at its offices in Herndon, VA. Those
records will be under my supervision. The physical address is 2300 Corporate Park
Drive, MailStop SP0604, Herndon, VA 20171. Accordingly, FTCS requests, pursuant to
Commission Rule 103-610, that the Commission allow FTCS to keep its records at the
above-referenced address. I can assure this Commission that FTCS will provide
expeditiously any and all applicable records that may be requested by the Commission.

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Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

14 A. Yes, it does.